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DEQ SEEKS COMMENTS ON YAAK RIVER WATERSHED TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD
PLAN

HELENA - The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has released the Yaak River Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load Plan.

In simple terms, a total maximum daily load (TMDL) is a plan to attain and maintain water quality standards in waters that are not currently meeting them. The waters not currently meeting water quality standards in the Yaak River Watershed have been identified and described in the Yaak River Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Plan.

A public informational meeting will be held on Tuesday Dec 4th, 2007 at the USFS Ranger Station in Troy, MT. The evening meeting will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. DEQ representatives will provide a short presentation, followed by an open house forum to provide information about the document, answer questions, and engage in discussion.

The draft document is available on the DEQ web site at <http://deq.mt.gov/wqinfo/TMDL/tmdlPublicComments.asp>; electronic copies are available from the Lincoln Conservation District, the USFS Troy Ranger Station, and also at the State Library in Helena, Montana. Public comments will be accepted until 5 p.m., Dec 19, 2007. Comments may be mailed to Montana Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901, or emailed to TMDLComments@mt.gov.

For more information, document availability or other questions, please contact Pete Schade, MTDEQ, at (406)444-6771, or by e-mail at pschade@mt.gov. The State will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this open house. If you require an accommodation, please contact Angie Hayden (406) 444-6749.

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